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SUBJ: BIHARI REPATRIATION FROM NEPAL TO PAKISTAN

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION RECENTLY COMPLETED VISIT TO PAKISTAN OF NEPAL PRIME MINISTER (SEPTEL COMING), MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL (SOUTH ASIA) ABDUL SATTAR TOLD POL COUNSELOR GOP HAS NOW AGREED TO TAKE ABOUT 1,000 BIHARIS STRANDED IN NEPAL AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION COULD BE ARRANGED AND HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY 1,200 MORE LATER. ACCORDING SATTAR, DECISION TO HOLD BACK ON ADDITIONAL 1,2000 STEMMED IN IMPORTANT MEASURE FROM GOP APPREHENSION THAT THEIR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION WOULD INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF FURTHER MIGRATION OF BIHARIS TO NEPAL IN HOPE OF REPATRIATION.

2. SATTAR SAID UNHCR REP HERE HAD TOLD GOP HE NOW THOUGHT HE HAD SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN HAND AND IN PROSPECT TO PROVIDE FOR AIR TRANSIT FOR THE FIRST 1,000. UNHCR REP ESTIMATED KATHMANDU-LAHORE FLIGHT COST AT \$80-90 PER PERSON, HIGH BECAUSE TRAFFIC IS ONE WAY. RNAC CHARTERED PLANES WOULD BE USED.

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3. SATTAR NOTED THAT NEPALESE DELEGATION HAD BEEN QUITE
UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PAK DIFFICULTIES REGARDING REPATRIATION.
THEY WERE INTERESTED IN SEEING AS MANY BIHARIS AS POSSIBLE
DEPART BEFORE CORONATION, BUT HAD NOT PRESSED POINT.
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